



LOUISIANA SENATE

Legislators Back to School Program

Highlights of 2010-2011

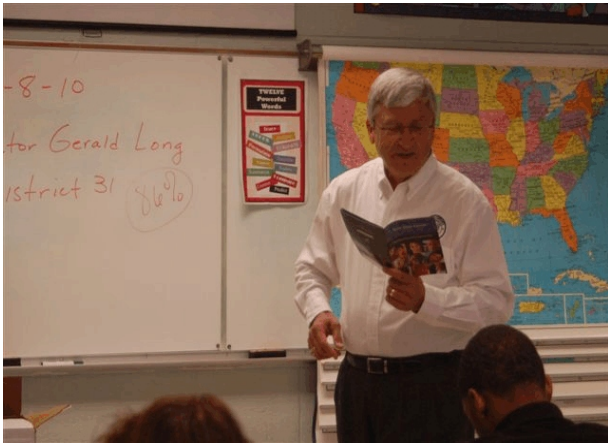
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Thirty two senators participated in America's Legislators Back To School Program this year, teaching at 55 different schools. Approximately 5,687 students benefitted by meeting their senators, sharing their views and having a better understanding of representative democracy and the workings of state government.

Back To School Coordinators completed an in-house promotional video which will be used as a tool to promote the America's Legislators Back To School Program during orientation for newly elected senators.



Left: Senator Gerald Long

"Being able to talk and interact with an elected official is a great opportunity for our students here at Winnfield Senior High School."

Lynn Bankston, Civics Teacher, Winnfield Senior High School.



Right: Senate President Pro Tem, Sharon Broome

encouraged debate while teaching eighth graders at Park Forest Middle School.

The Louisiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council made the America's Legislators Back To School Program one of their top initiatives this year. Thirteen members personally invited their legislators to teach a class. This provided another opportunity for council members to get to know their legislators and demonstrate leadership by sharing this opportunity with their classmates.



Senator Ben Nevers, Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, explained the meaning of the symbols on the Louisiana flag to a Franklinton High School Civics Class.



At the request of LYAC member, Kaity Addison, Senator Dale Erdey taught Coach David White's Civics Class at Holden High School.

LYAC Member Brad Guin invited Senator Robert Adley to teach Glenn Maynor's Honors Civics Class at Haughton High School. Left to Right: Glenn Maynor, Brad Guin and Senator Adley.

"Very beneficial, students loved the visit and were very attentive. It gave them insight to the state legislative process. In a role playing exercise Senator Adley demonstrated how bills go through the process. A segment on questions & answers followed and the students realized that our legislators are not much different from them. I would love to have a legislator come back to teach a class." Glenn Maynor

